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TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, suspected abuse and neglect of children is the legal responsibility of every citizen to report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Whitestown") actively promotes a proactive response to the problem of child abuse and neglect by supporting the efforts of such organizations as Prevent Child Abuse America to prevent child maltreatment in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, considering that statistics from the Kids Count Data Center indicate that there were 26,892 substantiated cases of child neglect and physical and sexual abuse in Indiana in 2015, there remains a dire need for a continued unified effort to prevent child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, our need for continued efforts in this area is made even more urgent by the fact that for at least 66 of these Indiana children, this abuse resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America estimates that child abuse and neglect affects 1 million American children each year, and costs our nation $220 million every day for investigations, foster care, medical and mental health treatment, special education, juvenile and adult crime, chronic health problems, and other costs across the life span; and

WHEREAS, Whitestown owes a debt of gratitude to concerned citizens and organizations for providing families with services to ensure the physical and emotional well- being of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, hereby recognizes the month of April 2017 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month, and urges all citizens to take the opportunity to renew their commitment to protecting the children of Boone County; for in so doing, we will enhance the quality of life not only for these children at risk but for the entire citizenry.

RESOLVED BY THE WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL THIS 15 DAY OF March, 2017.

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THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA	YAY/NAY
Eric Miller, President	Yes
Susan Austin, Vice President	Yes
Kevin Russell	YAY
Clinton Bohm	YAY
Jeffrey Wishek	Yay

ATTEST:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Whitestown, Indiana

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